The Meharry Circle of Friends was established in 1996 as a catalyst to solicit annual support from individuals in the Nashville community, which would serve as a base for a pool of prospects to *The Campaign for Meharry*. Dr. Randall M. Falk, Rabbi Emeritus of The Temple in Nashville and recently retired trustee emeritus of Meharry’s board of trustees was the key visionary, who helped to launch The Meharry Circle of Friends. Through the efforts of Rabbi Randall Falk and the other nine founding members of the Circle, Meharry’s local presence was strengthened.

Members of the College’s Circle of Friends are colleagues in leading-edge discoveries that will have a far-reaching impact on our nation and world.

The generosity of Circle of Friends members accelerates Meharry’s growth and progress beyond its current level of distinction. Your outreach to peers in your sphere of influence – exposing them to the College’s unique history and its visionary aspirations – assures that the Circle will remain unbroken.

Annual gifts to Meharry help advance the College’s mission of providing superior education and training to its diverse student body; offering quality clinical care to medically underserved populations; and engaging in groundbreaking research on the causes and cures of diseases that have a disproportionate impact on people of color and others from economically disadvantaged backgrounds. Meharry is deeply grateful for our Circle of Friends members and their continuous involvement in this historic initiative.

**The ten founding members are:**

- Mr. Anthony J. Cebrun
- Mr. G. Thomas Curtis
- Mrs. Jane G. Esking
- Rabbi Randall M. Falk
- Dr. Thomas F. Frist, Jr.
- Dr. Laurence A. Grossman*
- Mr. Samuel H. Howard
- Mr. Lemuel E. Lewis
- Mr. Benjamin R. Rechter
- Mr. John Seigenthaler

*Deceased

**The six annual recognition levels are:**

- Golden Circle Plus $15,000 +
- Golden Circle $10,000
- Founders’ Circle Plus $7,500
- Founders’ Circle $5,000
- President’s Circle $3,000
- Renaissance Circle $1,000

Members are recognized at the annual *Circle of Friends* Gala and listed in the souvenir program at the appropriate giving level.